



## **HMHB Resource Watch May 2, 2007**

### **HMHB Upcoming Events**

Each month the staff at HMHB is involved in community outreaches throughout the state of Georgia. Below is a list of where the HMHB staff will be in May. If you know of some organizations or individuals that we may need to contact, please let us know, because we'd be happy to stop in.

- May 10<sup>th</sup>- Monica T. in Gilmer County and surrounding areas
- May 11<sup>th</sup>- Susan in Hancock, Twiggs County
- May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>- Jessica in Cook County and surrounding areas
- May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>- Monica S. in Waycross Area
- Rena will be in the Augusta and Savannah area this month

Keep checking out our website [www.hmhbga.org](http://www.hmhbga.org) for more events. If you know of any events that are not listed, please contact us at 770.451.0020.

### **News from National HMHB**

#### **The Week of April 30, 2007 - vol. 8 no.18**

#### **This Week:**

- 1) CDC Introduces Online Pregnancy Information Center
- 2) Report Finds American Women More Likely to Neglect Healthcare Needs than Men
- 3) ACOG & ANA Support Midwifery Legislation in Congress
- 4) First Annual NCIRD Report Cites Immunization Progress
- 5) May 2 Webcast: Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Children's Health
- 6) Nonprofiteer Blog Offers Timely News & Tips

## 7) South Dade County, Florida Seeks Childbirth Educator

### **MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS**

#### 1) CDC INTRODUCES ONLINE PREGNANCY INFORMATION CENTER

In conjunction with the launch of the CDC's newly redesigned website, they have also unveiled a new and innovative Pregnancy Information Center. This online portal provides consumer-friendly information on preconception, pregnancy and postpartum. Its inaugural feature piece is "10 Tips for Preventing Infection in Pregnancy." It also includes segments dedicated to healthcare professionals and MCH researchers. To check out this new, online resource, go to [http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/pregnancy\\_gateway](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/pregnancy_gateway). For the "10 Tips" feature, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/pregnancy>.

#### 2) REPORT FINDS AMERICAN WOMEN MORE LIKELY TO NEGLECT HEALTHCARE NEEDS THAN MEN

According to a review study released last week by the Commonwealth Fund, insured American women are more likely than men to skip out on necessary healthcare. Their report found that women are more likely than men to leave prescriptions unfilled, to skip appointments with specialists, to refuse testing and to not seek treatment for symptoms. They also found that women tend to pay more for healthcare because of healthcare needs related to pregnancy and reproductive health – But also that women have more difficulty paying their medical bills than men. The authors conclude that these trends should be considered as policymakers and advocates debate how to improve national healthcare. To download the complete report, go to [http://www.cmwf.org/usr\\_doc/1020\\_Patchias\\_women\\_hlt\\_coverage\\_affordability\\_gap.pdf](http://www.cmwf.org/usr_doc/1020_Patchias_women_hlt_coverage_affordability_gap.pdf).

#### 3) ACOG & ANA SUPPORT MIDWIFERY LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS

The American Nurses Association (ANA) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) have joined the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) in support of the Midwifery Care Access and Reimbursement Equity Act of 2007 (S 507/HR 864) now before Congress. The bill would improve Medicare beneficiaries' access to the women's health services offered by certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs). In ACOG's letter of support, President Doug Laube states, "It's important that we work together to strengthen and support collaborative ob-gyn/certified nurse-midwife practice arrangements, which benefit our patients in many ways." While most states reimburse midwives at the same rate as other ob-gyn providers under Medicaid, a 35 percent disparity in reimbursement still exists within the Medicare program. For more on this legislation, go to <http://www.midwife.org>.

### **CHILD, ADOLESCENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS**

#### 4) FIRST ANNUAL NCIRD REPORT CITES IMMUNIZATION PROGRESS

In 2006 the CDC's National Immunization Program (NIP) worked with components of the National Center for Infectious Diseases to establish a National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). The newly-formed NCIRD recently released its first Annual Report. Among the most striking findings detailed in the report: For the first time ever, no significant racial disparities were found in vaccine coverage of toddlers age 19 to 36 months, and the US logged a record number of distributed influenza (flu) vaccines. The report also details the introduction of three new vaccines, following FDA licensure and ACIP votes for adding the rotavirus vaccine for infants, the HPV vaccine for adolescent girls and a zoster vaccine for seniors. The 76-page Annual Report is available as a free download on the NIP website. Go to <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/webutil/about/annual-rpts/ar2007/2007annual-rpt.htm>.

## **ADVOCATES IN ACTION**

### **5) MAY 2 WEBCAST: RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH**

On Wednesday, May 2 at 1 p.m. Eastern, the Kaiser Family Foundation will host a live, interactive webcast addressing racial and ethnic disparities in children's health, and how efforts to expand healthcare coverage can help to reduce these inequalities. A panel of speakers will address how lack of coverage affects disparities in children's access to care, as well as current national and state efforts that are addressing the problem. Moderator will be Senior Health Policy Analyst Cara James from the Kaiser Family Foundation, with guests including Gail Christopher, DN, vice president and director of the Health Policy Institute, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; Richard Figueroa, health advisor to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; and Cindy Mann, JD, executive director of the Center for Children and Families at Georgetown University. To submit questions for the panel, send email to: [todaystopics@kaisernetwork.org](mailto:todaystopics@kaisernetwork.org). For more information and to view the webcast, go to [http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health\\_cast/hcast\\_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2125](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2125).

## **NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT**

### **6) NONPROFITEER BLOG OFFERS TIMELY NEWS & TIPS**

The Nonprofiteer blog, authored by nonprofit consultant Kelly Kleiman and recently featured in The Chronicle of Philanthropy, offers free, online access to timely news, resources and tips for nonprofit management. Its search functions and archives allow you to find past posts related to a number of topics, ranging from marketing to fundraising, board relations to executive directors, women's issues to advocacy. And the content is updated regularly. To check out this blog, go to <http://nonprofiteer.typepad.com>.

## **MCH JOB OPPORTUNITY**

### **7) SOUTH DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA SEEKS CHILDBIRTH EDUCATOR**

The Healthy Start Program of Community Health South Dade County is seeking a childbirth educator certified by the Florida Outreach Childbirth Education (FOCEP) program, with at least three years of experience teaching childbirth classes. Preferred qualifications are experience working in a multicultural environment with community health and outreach programs, bilingual fluency in English/Spanish or English/Creole, experience teaching breastfeeding and parenting and a bachelor's degree in health education. CPR certification is required. The position is a one-year renewable contract. For more information or to apply, contact the program manager at [mjrobinson@hcnetwork.org](mailto:mjrobinson@hcnetwork.org).

Sources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd>

<http://www.cmwf.org>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip>

<http://www.acnm.org>

<http://www.kaisernetwork.org>

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<http://www.ncnetwork.org>

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### **Last Week: April 23, 2007 - vol. 8 no.17**

News from National.

There are nine million children living in American without health insurance. But last week, Cover the Uninsured Week 2007, is an opportunity for advocates in maternal-child health to join forces with the sponsoring Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and dozens of other supporting national organizations. Together, we can get uninsured, eligible children enrolled in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). To learn about the many ways you can get involved, go to <http://covertheuninsured.org/whatyoucando>.

- 1) EPG Congressional Briefing was held today, May 2.
- 2) Call for Abstracts: WorkLife 2007 National Symposium
- 3) HRSA's New Booklet & Website Promote Perinatal Depression Awareness
- 4) Study: Pregnant Women of African-American Descent Need Blood Disorder Screening
- 5) Responding to Virginia Tech Tragedy: Mental Health Groups Offer Tips for Parents & Educators
- 6) Global Road Safety Week Dedicated to Youth
- 7) American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Grants

### **MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS**

#### **1) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING WAS HELD TODAY, MAY 2**

The External Partners Group, which supports the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at the CDC, invites you to attend a briefing entitled "Ability and Health" on Capitol Hill next month. Lunch will be provided at an informational session at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Hart Senate Office Building (Room 902). The event will provide an overview of the work of NCBDDD and its three priority areas, and will feature the work of various partners. Special guest Susan Katz, a 2004 Paralympic gold medalist, will be part of the panel. RSVP to Karen Irish at karen.irish@usoc.org or (202) 466-3399.

#### **2) CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: WORKLIFE 2007 NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

Here's an opportunity for breastfeeding advocates and others in maternal-child health to connect with human resource professionals: The deadline is April 30 to submit abstracts for the WorkLife 2007 National Symposium, to be held September 10-11, 2007 in Bethesda, Maryland. The Symposium will provide researchers, policymakers, practitioners, academics, employers and labor leaders an opportunity to share their experiences with integrated and coordinated health protection. Presenters will share worksite programs that "address health risk by combining attention to both the individual workers and the environments in which they work." For the symposium agenda and to submit an abstract online, go to <http://www.worklife2007.com>. Direct questions about presentations and abstracts to Dr. Dori Reissman at dreissman@cdc.gov.

#### **3) HRSA'S NEW BOOKLET & WEBSITE PROMOTE PERINATAL DEPRESSION AWARENESS**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has unveiled a new booklet on perinatal depression, featuring tips for identifying the condition and steps for treating it successfully. "Depression During and After Pregnancy: A Resource for Women, Their Families

& Friends,” is a 22-page publication intended to raise awareness about perinatal depression’s pervasiveness and its impact on families. The booklet also contains information for family members and a list of print and Internet resources. In conjunction with the booklet, HRSA has launched a website providing downloadable tools for women, their families and healthcare professionals. To download the booklet, order a free paper copy and check out the site, go to <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/pregnancyandbeyond/depression>.

#### 4) STUDY: PREGNANT WOMEN OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN DESCENT NEED BLOOD DISORDER SCREENING

A new study published in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology* finds that African-American women with the sickle cell trait are more likely to have multiple births but less likely to deliver prematurely than their peers without the sickle cell trait. The University of California, San Francisco study looked at more than 5,000 African-American women who delivered infants between 1976 and 2001. The team concludes that women of African-American descent should be offered special screening for blood disorders during pregnancy because “there are clear implications for genetic counseling and screening for urinary tract infections” if the sickle cell trait is found. They add that it is important for physicians and midwives to know if a woman is a sickle cell carrier, because early detection of multiple pregnancies is crucial to ensuring healthy outcomes. For the abstract, go to <http://www.greenjournal.org/cgi/content/abstract/109/4/870>.

### **CHILD, ADOLESCENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS**

#### 5) RESPONDING TO VIRGINIA TECH TRAGEDY: MENTAL HEALTH GROUPS OFFER TIPS FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

Mental Health America (MHA), formerly the National Mental Health Association, has produced a user-friendly publication for educators and parents addressing last week’s violence at Virginia Tech University, which continues to be prominent in national media. The tip sheet addresses healthy ways to help children and adolescents cope with the feelings this event may evoke, and is available at <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.com/go/coping-virginia-tech>. In addition, the American Psychological Association (APA) has posted an article for parents on its website, “Talking to Your Children About the Recent School Shootings,” available at <http://www.apa.org/topics/schoolshooting.html?imw=Y>.

### **ADVOCATES IN ACTION**

#### 6) GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK DEDICATED TO YOUTH

Each year, 40 percent of those who die on the world’s roads are under age 25. In response, the first United Nations Global Road Safety Week will be observed April 23-29, 2007 in countries around the world, increasing awareness of preventable deaths and promoting interventions that have a major impact on road safety, such as the use of safety belts and child restraints. This first-of-its-kind observance is dedicated to younger road users, and in the US it is dedicated to teen drivers age 16-19, whose risk for motor vehicle crashes is four times greater than that of older drivers. The World Health Organization (WHO) has produced a toolkit to guide activities related to Global Road Safety Week. To access this kit and learn more about the observance, go to <http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/en>. Additional information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/grsw>.

### **MCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

#### 7) AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION GRANTS

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is accepting funding proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that “contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare

of children and youth.” Grants, which are awarded for one year and range from \$1,500 to \$70,000, should have the potential of helping American children in a large geographic area encompassing more than one state. Applications are due by July 15. For complete program information and application procedures, go to <http://www.cwf-inc.org/docs/?section=grantseekers>.

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<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/partners>

<http://www.worklife2007.com>

<http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov>

<http://www.greenjournal.org>

<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.com>

<http://www.who.int>

<http://www.cwf-inc.org>

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## Other Public Health News

**May is.....**

### **Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month**

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

1233 20th Street NW, Suite 402

Washington, DC 20036

(800) 7-ASTHMA (727-8462)

(202) 466-7643

(202) 466-8940 Fax

[www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)

(847) 330-0230

(847) 330-8907 Fax

[www.aad.org](http://www.aad.org)

### **Mental Health Month**

Mental Health America

P.O. Box 16810

Alexandria, VA 22302-0810

(800) 969-6642

[www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)

### **Clean Air Month**

American Lung Association

61 Broadway, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10006

(800) LUNG-USA (586-4872)

(212) 315-8700

(212) 315-8889 Fax

[www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

### **National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month**

National Osteoporosis Foundation

1232 22nd Street NW

Washington, DC 20037-1292

(202) 223-2226

(202) 223-1726 Fax

[www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org)

### **Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month**

American Academy of Dermatology

930 East Woodfield Road

Schaumburg, IL 60173

(888) 462-DERM (3376)

### **National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month**

Advocates for Youth

2000 M Street, NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 419-3420

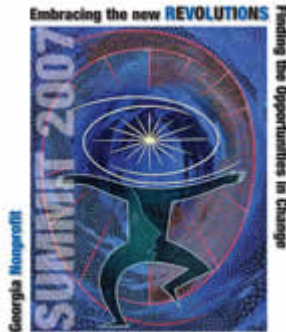
(202) 419-1448 Fax  
[www.advocatesforyouth.org](http://www.advocatesforyouth.org)

**FYI (non-public health news...)**  
**Next week, May 7-11, is Teacher Appreciation Week.**

## Conference Info

### Georgia

#### **Georgia Nonprofit Summit 2007**



**May 2007**  
**May 16--17, 2007, Georgia International Convention Center**  
**College Park, Ga.**

The Georgia Nonprofit Summit is the Southeast's largest gathering of nonprofit executives, board members, foundation staff, government decision-makers, and corporate leaders

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